

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2116

Introduced by Assembly Member Lara

February 23, 2012

An act to add Section 60605.10 to the Education Code, relating to academic content standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2116, as introduced, Lara. Academic content standards: implementation: study.

Existing law, until July 1, 2014, establishes the Academic Content Standards Commission and requires the commission to develop internationally benchmarked academic content standards in language arts, and mathematics, at least 85% of which are required to be the common core academic standards developed by the Common Core State Standards Initiative consortium or another specified interstate collaboration. Existing law requires the commission to present its recommended academic content standards to the State Board of Education and requires the state board by August 2, 2010, to either adopt the standards proposed by the commission or reject them. Existing law also requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the state board to present to the Governor and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a schedule and implementation plan for integrating these academic content standards into the state educational system.

This bill would require the State Department of Education, with the approval of the state board, to contract for a multiyear independent study of those academic content standards and any subsequent common core academic content standards developed by the Common Core State

Standards Initiative consortium, or other interstate collaboration, and adopted by the state board. The bill would require that the study examine and publicly report on the progress of the implementation of the academic content standards in a representative sample of schools and school districts across the state, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 60605.10 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 60605.10. (a) The department, with the approval of the state
4 board, shall contract for a multiyear independent study of the
5 implementation of the academic content standards adopted by the
6 state board pursuant to Section 60605.8, as well as any subsequent
7 common core academic content standards developed by the
8 consortium or interstate collaboration set forth in Section 60605.7
9 and adopted by the state board. The scope of the work and the final
10 contract for this study shall be approved by the state board.
11 (b) The study shall examine and publicly report on the progress
12 of the implementation of the academic content standards described
13 in subdivision (a) in a representative sample of schools and school
14 districts across the state, with a focus on whether implementation
15 is proceeding in a manner that promotes equal opportunities for
16 all pupils to learn the academic content developed pursuant to the
17 standards and to be successful on related state assessments.